

SECOND'S MATTERS

June 1, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From the Interim Pastor's Desk

As I am sure you have noticed, sometimes I bring my "A game" to the pulpit, and sometimes I bring my "C game." A week and a half ago, on the 22nd, I brought my "C game." Every time that happens it weighs very heavily on me. I follow up by looking at what I need to do to avoid those disappointing events in the future.

On the morning of the 22nd I was in no condition to preach and lead the service. I've been living on the raggedy edge of exhaustion and burn out for the last 4 months – for various reasons, some of them avoidable and some of them not. Often when Sunday arrives after a particular draining week, I wonder how I will get through the service, but with prayer and adrenaline to bolster me up, I do get through it more or less well. But on the 22nd, the adrenaline didn't do the trick.

When I prayed about it, the Holy Spirit made it clear to me that I needed to make some changes.

Looking back, my mental, emotional, and spiritual "bandwidth" had been chronically overloaded, and my reserves were gone, as I increasingly was running on empty. I know that surveys of ministers consistently reveal that pastors typically spend 20 hours/week preparing for the Sunday morning service. I hadn't consistently been spending that much time on these preparations, especially during weeks when something big and difficult unexpectedly popped up – like a car accident.

So what do I need to do to correct that negative pattern? I've decided that I am going to reserve every Monday and Tuesday for studying, sermon preparation, and preparing to lead worship. I'll work from home on those days because there are less distractions there, and because I have an actual office there.

Wednesday mornings I will drive to Fremont, spend Wednesday night in the Harrington Inn, and drive back home Thursday evening. I will take my second night in the Harrington Inn on Saturday night and drive back home after the morning service on Sunday.

I also want to find better ways to connect with the people of the congregation in personal conversations. Wednesdays and Thursdays are good days to do this. I'd love to visit with you over coffee or whatever during the week.

Our Church Family

Pray for healing and strength for **Josie Visser** as she under goes chemotherapy treatments.

Pray for healing and strength for those recovering from surgeries.

Community Announcements

Church Office

The church office will not have regular office hours this week. If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it by Thursday at 5 pm. Please call the church (924-0170) to be sure that the church is unlocked.

SAVE THE DATE – June 26

Join us on June 26 for a picnic following the morning worship service; consider this a practice run for your 4th of July celebrations! We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, & brats with all the fix-ins, drinks, and dessert, all you need to bring is a side dish to share – dinner will be served at 11:30p. There will also be lawn and board games for you to play as we socialize together! There is a signup sheet on the literature ledge, don't see this as a hard commitment, but more as a chance for us to get a rough headcount on meat. We hope to see you there!

From the Worship Committee

On Sundays we worship together as the body of Christ. Consequently we would like to involve more members of our body in that worship. If you would consider reading Scripture, giving a children's message, leading a liturgy (or perhaps you have another idea), please contact Pastor Dan or Karen Admiraal (335-2285). All ages are encouraged to participate.

Reeman VBS June 13-17

Journey through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At TREASURED VBS kids will discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold - it's them! Join us from June 13-17 at Reeman CRC for this excellent week! [Sign up here!](#) For more information contact Lizzie Van Wyk or Carla Proctor.

Challenge for Life 2022, June 4

Insight Pregnancy Services is hosting the 22nd annual Challenge for Life fundraising event. Participants can choose to walk 2.5 miles or canoe/kayak 6 miles down the Muskegon River. We encourage families, individuals, and even teams to join in! Location: Newaygo High School, 200 East Street, Newaygo. You can register online (InsightPregnancy.com/challengeforlife) call or text (231) 335-2413 or email: Madison@InsightPregnancy.com if you have any questions.

Summer Get-Away

Ladies...this is for you! The word is out! We are planning a special morning summer get-away at The Shack in White Cloud on August 13 just for ladies! We'll plan to car pool from Fremont. It's open for high school gals and ladies of all ages, so mark your calendar now and plan to come and join us. You won't want to miss out!

More information will be out later. Got questions? Check-in with Gretchen Kronsbein, Michele Vansoelen, Torri Wilkinson, Vicki Gilliland or Bette Wagenmaker. See you at The Shack on August 13!

Offering Information

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are:

June 5, 2022 – Wellspring Adult Services

June 12, 2022 – World Renew

Stock the Pantry

For June, the requested food items are soup and crackers can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Prayer Corner

I am the true vine,
and my Father is the gardener.
He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
while every branch that does bear fruit
He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
You are already clean because of the Word
I have spoken to you.
Remain in me,
and I will remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit,
apart from me you can do nothing.
If anyone does not remain in me,
he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers,
such branches are picked up,
thrown into the fire and burned.
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8

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